

Approved as Submitted: November 12, 2003

**CITY OF MORGAN HILL
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – OCTOBER 31, 2003**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kennedy called the special meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Kennedy
Mayor Pro Tem Chang, Council Member Sellers, and Tate.
Absent: Council Member Carr

DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA

Office Assistant II Lewis certified that the meeting's agenda was duly noticed and posted in accordance with Government Code 54954.2.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Kennedy opened the floor to public comment for items not on this agenda.

None being offered, the public comment was closed.

City Council Action

1. LEGISLATIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH STATE ASSEMBLYMAN LAIRD.

Assembly member Laird and Gary Schallcross, Chief of Staff, met with Council to bring them up to date on legislative issues.

The following items were brought before Council and City Manager Ed Tewes by Assembly member Laird resulting in an open discussion.

- A. Library Grant application: Assembly member Laird spoke with State Treasurer Phil Angelides regarding the denial of our grant application. The Assembly member suggested retooling the grant for the third round applications in January. Council Member Sellers wondered if we are asking for too much money; looking to build too large a facility; or are in some way asking for too much. Council Member Tate expresses concerns stating it would be too late to retool the application.
- B. Perchlorate issue: Discussed the Perchlorate Community Action Group (CAG) in San Martin. Assembly member Laird will pursue this issue and has written to Senator Boxer asking her to take the lead at the Federal Level. Assembly member Laird asked that he be kept informed by the City. Mayor Kennedy stated that a letter is being sent to government officials by the CAG to

bring to their attention the fact that they are asking for the violators to implement their clean up plans. City Manager Ed Tewes alerted Council that Congressman Pombo has been involved with this issue.

- C. Legislative Bills: The deadline for submittal is the third week of January, 2004. City Manager Tewes may have legislation to submit dealing with the release of sexual predators. Assembly member Laird will follow up on this, and requested it be sent to him in written form. Mayor Pro Temp Chang followed up on this issue by inviting Mr. Schallcross to a Legislative Committee meeting at the Cities Association, and offered to have Gillian Moran of the Cities Association forward the Association's Legislative Report.
- D. State of California budget deficit: Assembly member Laird discussed the budget deficit and explained that he will repeal some unfunded State mandates. He is trying to interpret the new government structure and what the new Governor will do. There has been discussion of rolling back the vehicle license fees and returning funds to Cities and Counties.
- E. Worker's compensation reform: The Assembly member will work with the State's Insurance Commissioner to regulate worker's comp systems.
- F. Governor Elect Schwarzenegger: Announced the swearing in is scheduled for November 17, 2003, and explained that the legislature will be called back for special sessions.
- G. Town Hall meeting: Assembly member Laird will be conducting a community meeting in Morgan Hill inviting all citizens to attend in order to fill them in on State government. He requests that Mayor Kennedy be present to introduce him to the community.
- H. Flood control: Mayor Kennedy presented a letter to Assembly member Laird on flood control that had been mailed to legislators October 30, 2003, on the "Proposed Relinquishment of Pajaro River Channel and Levee Maintenance Responsibilities by Santa Cruz County to the California Department of Water Resources". Mayor Kennedy explained the need for funding for flood control for Llagas Creek. Assembly member Laird will follow up to see if money is frozen for this item. City Manager Tewes expressed the feeling that with the nature of the State budget it doesn't look like we'll get much financial assistance.
- I. Discussion ended with dialog on the recent efforts to redistrict the State.

FUTURE COUNCIL-INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS

No items were identified.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 10:41

MINUTES RECORDED AND PREPARED BY:

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